Its Not Mine, Take It

Well the holidays have come and gone and with that so have the family visits. The only

thing we have now is those gifts that only others green ties, the thing designed to make your life out what it is. Things even a bee would fly away of those things by locking them up when we are safe.



would buy us. The bright easier if you could figure from but we will take care away. We want them to be

Hopefully the state did not buy you a they have given you some very valuable Christmas you purchased an electronic item, you flourescent green tie, but equipment to use. If this know how expensive they

can be. When you take this and add your own touch to this wether it is a file or number, etc. the item becomes priceless. You might get some more equipment but those extras that you add are irreplaceable.

This problem is not just with normal small electronic equipment. I have seen things leave buildings that you would not imagine would go unnoticed. Full fridges have disappeared from kitchens. Pianos have disappeared from auditoriums. A server walked out of one state building during the middle of the day. So if your computer goes blank, look for that person leaving with a very big package. The most interesting was when a security camera was taken along with the recording machine. That is what I call covering your tracks.

How can we stop this from happening is simple. Just like we protect our personal property, we should be protecting the state's property. Thieves love the easy target. If we set down our briefcase for even a few minutes, we might as well kiss our briefcase goodbye. It might be that we forget to use the lock on the laptop. Maybe we left the door propped open when we went out to smoke or get a refill.

Losing property doesn't have to be to theft. We might take the digital camera and place it on the corner of the shelf. When the door gets closed, the vibration causes the camera to fall to the floor shattering. It is important for us to remember that each piece of equipment we have to replace is money being taken from the agencies budget. The new software program, or item we need to do our job more effectively is put on hold while we just get back to status quo on our inventoried items. This loss affects all of us not to mention those people we do work for. In the big picture it might even be the raise we hope we could get.

The best thing we can do is to pay attention to our surroundings. If something does not look right than we need to fix it. If we put the camera down and realize it is dangerous lets take the time and move it. If we think our equipment is at risk lets make sure, it is secure. Lets make sure that even though it is not our personal property that we take care of it just the same. Until next month Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Secure . . .